



CONVERSATION

TYPES

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CONVERSATION:

- Informal interactive talk
- Different channels | different purposes.
- Spoken
- Interpersonal function
- Happens in real time
- Occurs in a shared context
- Site of negotiation of social identities.



EXAMPLE CONV 1

*LAJU: but black children have that (.) even more so .

*CAM: Right

*LAJU: Because you har-

*LAJU: You're you're more likely (.) not to be ha- come from educated parents

EXAMPLE CONV 2

JON: A lotta [money in those days].

ALAN: [Twenty-five yea]rs ago,

... I was --

no way I was gonna spend twe- a thou- --

First of all I didn't like him.

CONVERSATION:

THREE DIMENSIONS

- THE CHANNEL
- DYADIC / MULTIPERSON
- EVERY DAY/ INSTITUTIONAL



BOTH CONVERSATIONS

- FACE-TO-FACE
 - EVERY DAY
 - DYADIC

EXAMPLE

"Face-to-face conversation recorded in the living room of a private home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Two friends (Cam and Lajuan) are talking about their families and friends, and their own experiences as gay men." CONV 1

SYMMETRY | ASYMMETRY

SYMMETRY: equal distribution of rights and duties in talk.

ASYMMETRY: inequality in terms of rights and abilities, and a temporary lack of reciprocity

CONVERSATION 2

28.014 29.939 ALAN: ... December sixty-seven,
29.939 30.260 so,
30.260 33.107 (H)= sometime in sixty-
eight we took this trip,
33.107 35.134 we'd been ... talking
about it for a while,
35.134 36.834 ... uh=
36.834 38.402 flew down to Mexico City,
38.402 39.582 ... uh we,
39.582 41.135 (Hx) c- think of the name
of my hotel,
41.135 42.283 which wouldn't mean
anything now,
42.283 45.525 but we ended up in a ...
fabulous hotel,
45.525 47.180 ... uh=
47.180 48.180 ... first night,
48.180 49.979 we were <VOX very unhappy
VOX> with our rooms,
49.979 50.979 we got down there,
50.979 52.859 (H)= and the next morning,
52.859 53.218 Buddy,
53.218 55.247 who's a ... early riser
anyhow,
55.247 57.225 was probably up ... four
o'clock,
57.225 59.208 and he went down there
complaining to the manager,

59.208 60.627 ... So,
60.627 63.201 .. cause it was not w- the
accommodation we were supposed to have had,
63.201 65.379 we checked in about eight
o'clock at night or so,
65.379 65.780 which is,
65.780 67.302 (H)= in Mexico is like,
67.302 67.779 .. you know,
67.779 68.373 ... <X the X> --
68.373 71.930 (H) ... Well we ended up
with a .. corner .. suite.
71.930 74.340 ... With,
74.340 76.272 ... It was so big,
76.272 76.920 JON: ... @@
76.920 79.340 ALAN: we could've had a party
for fifty people XXXXX.
79.340 80.880 Three bathrooms in it,
80.880 83.253 ... (H) % two bedrooms,
83.253 83.653 so they had,
83.653 85.739 but they had an extra

Communicative genres

Genre can be seen as the fabric of discourse.

Types:

TROUBLES TALK: occurs among friends

NEGOTIATION TALK -often glides into and out of disagreement and conflict talk.




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